

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

Approved June 2, 1987.

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CHAPTER 606

(Senate Bill 183)

AN ACT concerning

Adoption and Guardianship -  
Reports and Hearings on Child's Status

FOR the purpose of altering certain notice requirements pertaining to a delay in placement for adoption or completion of adoption; requiring the court to hold hearings to review the progress toward adoption and the child's current placement and circumstances in cases in which there has been a delay; exempting the notice and hearing requirements for certain cases when the child is in a long-term foster care with a specified family; requiring annual hearings if the long-term foster care is subsequently changed; authorizing the court to require the guardian to file periodic written progress reports on the child's status, with certain recommendations; and generally relating to reporting and hearing requirements for guardianship and adoption.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law  
Section 5-319  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1984 Volume and 1986 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Family Law

5-319.

(a) In this section, "disrupted placement" means the permanent removal of a child to be adopted from the prospective adoptive family or adopting individual by a child placement agency before the entry of a final decree of adoption.